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1. WE CONCLUDE, FOLLOWING MINISTERIAL ACTION ON
THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTDP) AT THE MAY
18-19 DPC, THAT IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE LTDP IS
GOING TO BE A SUCCESS IN TERMS OF SUMMIT EXPECTA-
TIONS. THE REPORT TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
IS CLEAR OF BRACKETED TEXT AND HAS ONLY THE ONE
FOOTNOTED, BY TURKEY, ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS
PARAGRAPH, AND EVEN THIS WAS MODERATED BY ISIK AT
THE MAY 18-19 MEETING. FURTHER, DEFENSE MINISTERS'
APPROVAL WAS OBTAINED VIRTUALLY WITHOUT ANY COM-
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PROMISES THAT WOULD HAVE WEAKENED THE LTDP REPORT.

2. ALL RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT LASTING SUCCESS
REQUIRES IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES LAID OUT
IN THE LTDP. IN THIS CONNECTION, A KEY TO THE
REPORT'S ACCEPTABILITY TO THE US WAS THE UNDER-
STANDING REACHED WITH LUNS WHEREBY HE 1) INDICATED

TO MINISTERS HIS SUPPORT FOR STRONG FOLLOW-THROUGH ACTION, 2) SAID THAT IN HIS STUDY OF FOLLOW-THROUGH MACHINERY HE WOULD TAKE NATIONAL VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT, AND 3) STATED HIS INTENTION TO SUGGEST, IN HIS STUDY, WHO SHOULD HAVE COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MARITIME POSTURE, AIR DEFENSE, C3, AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE. HOWEVER, THOUGH LUNS INTENDS TO PROPOSE, NATIONS WILL EVENTUALLY DISPOSE. HENCE, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO SECURE FOR HIM THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE IMPETUS AND SUPPORT AT THE SUMMIT. THE NEGATIVE NOISES MADE BY, INTER ALIA, APEL (FRG) AND MULLEY (UK) INDICATE THAT EVEN IF THE PROPOSALS LUNS' DECIDES TO MAKE ARE IN LINE WITH US VIEWS, THEY MAY HAVE HEAVY SLEDDING.

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO TRY TO WORK INTO THE PARAGRAPHS ON THE LTDP IN THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE SOME LANGUAGE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "THEY NOTED THE NECESSITY FOR FOLLOW-THROUGH ACTION TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM AND IN THIS CONNECTION PLEDGED THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN THEIR OWN NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN THEIR ROLES AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, WELCOMING IN THIS REGARD THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S INTENTION TO PREPARE

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SHORTLY A STUDY ON STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY". BENNETT

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